0-8-11-09

Express Mail No.: EV 452 773 148 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Weber

Confirmation No.:

8254

Serial No.:

10/004,954

Art Unit:

3731

Filed:

December 3, 2001

Examiner:

Vy Q. Bui

For:

MEDICAL DEVICE HAVING A Attorney Docket No:

10177-102-999:

COATED PORTION

008563-999100) (CAM:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2004 ("the Office Action"), please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

Submitted herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response for three (3) months from May 24, 2004, up to and including, August 24, 2004, with provision for fee.

No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Response. Should any such fees be required, please charge such fees to Jones Day deposit account no. 503013.